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Board of County Commissioners
Clark County
1013 Franklin Street
Post Office Box 5000
Vancouver, Washington 98666-5000

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Dear Commissioners:

Board of Commissioners

This office has under consideration an application for acquisition of a 151.87-acre tract by the United States to be held in trust for the use and benefit of the Cowlitz Tribe. The proposed use of the property is for a casino.

The legal description of the subject property is provided on Attachment A.

The determination to acquire or not to acquire this property in trust will be made in the exercise of the Secretary of the Interior's discretionary authority. To assist the Secretary in the exercise of that discretion, and pursuant to regulations in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 151, we invite your comments on the proposed acquisition. In order for the Secretary to assess the impact of the removal of this property from the tax rolls we, also request the following information:

The annual amount of property taxes currently levied on the property.

Any special assessments and amounts thereof, which are currently assessed against the property.

Any governmental services, which are currently provided to the property by your jurisdiction.

If subject to zoning how the property is currently zoned.

Please address the information and comments to the Northwest Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4169. Any comments received within 30 days of the date of receipt of this letter will be considered. You may be granted an extension of time to furnish comments, provided you submit written justification requesting such

extension within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Your comments will be made available to the applicant.

A copy of the application minus any documentation exempted under the Freedom of Information Act is available for review at the above-listed address. Please contact Mr. Greg Argel, Northwest Regional Realty Officer, at telephone number (503) 231-6787 to make an appointment to review the application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Argel", is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Northwest Regional Director

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